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SUBJ: GREEK MEDIA REACTION TO CAGLAYANGIL'S STATEMENT ON CYPRUS

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1. THE GREEK MEDIA ON OCTOBER 22 GAVE MIXED REVIEWS TO TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL'S PUBLIC STATEMENT YESTERDAY ON CYPRUS (REFTEL). MOST STORIES DREW FROM THE WIRE SERVICE REPORTS, DATELINED ANKARA, OF THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER'S STATEMENT. THE REACTION, AS EXPRESSED IN HEADLINES, RANGED FROM GUARDED OPTIMISM REGARDING THE TURKISH INTENT TO MOVE TOWARD A SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM TO ACCUSATIONS THAT CAGLAYANGIL'S ACTION WAS MERELY A PLOY FOR ADDITIONAL US MILITARY AID. HOWEVER, THE BODY OF THE INDIVIDUAL STORIES WAS PRETTY WELL CONFIRMED TO MATERIAL IN THE WIRE SERVICE REPORTS AND THERE HAS BEEN NO EDITORIAL COMMENT SO FAR.

2. OPTIMISTIC HEADLINES READ ALONG THE LINES OF INDEPENDENT, PRO-GOVERNMENT KATHIMERINIK'S "TURKEY DISPOSED (TO MAKE) UNCLASSIFIED

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TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS; ECEVIT FORMULA ON CYPRUS;"

CONSERVATIVE, PRO-GOERNMENT APOYEVMATINI'S "ATTILA WITHDRAWS;  
TURKS TO RETURN SOME OF THE TERRITORIES;" AND LIBERAL,  
OPPOSITION TA NEA'S "ANKARA: NEGOTIATIONS ABOUT CYPRUS  
'WITH BROADER BASIS'; TURKS WILL MAKE CONCESSIONS."

3. A MAJORITY OF THE NEWSPAPERS WAS MORE RESTRAINED IN  
THEIR PRESENTATION, HOWEVER, EXEMPLARY OF THIS TREND WERE  
ULTRA-CONSERVATIVE ESTIA'S "WEAK INDICATIONS ABOUT TURKISH  
CONCESSIONS ON CYPRUS;" CONSERVATIVE, PRO-GOVERNMENT AKROPOLIS'  
"TURKEY ACCEPTS DIALOGUE YET REFUSES ANY COMMITMENTS: PROMISES  
FORD (TO MAKE) EFFORTS FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION IN CYPRUS;"  
AND LIBERAL, OPPOSITION TO VIMA'S "TURKEY WANTS  
'NEGOTIATIONS' OF UNDERTERMINED TYPE."

4. DOUBT AS TO WHAT MIGHT COME WAS ALSO EXPRESSED. FOR  
EXAMPLE, CONSERVATIVE, PRO-GOVERNMENT VRADYNI'S HEADLINE READ "THE  
TURKS AGAIN FILIBUSTER ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM: CAGLAYANGIL'S  
STATEMENT A 'SMOKESCREEN'". FINALLY AND PREDICTABLY,  
ANTI-AMERICAN, LEFT-OF-CENTER ELEFTHEROTYPIA PRONOUNCED  
"CONCESSIONS IN CYPRUS A TRICK OF THE USA AND TURKEY IN  
ORDER TO INCREASE AID AND OPEN THE BASES."  
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